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Jackie Buxted (centre) came up with a business plan to save the former Abbey Day Nursery from closure

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH DORRIAN

A MUM who shed tears when she learned a nursery was facing the axe has come to its rescue by becoming its boss.

Big-hearted Jackie Buxted, 43, like dozens of parents in Faversham, was left in shock when she was told the Abbey Day Nursery could close because of money problems.

The nursery's owners at Abbey Secondary School wrote to mums and dads warning that a future debt of £90,000 would mean it would have to close.

After inviting bids to take over the school, one-time van driver Mrs Buxted threw her cards on the table and came up with a business plan to revamp the nursery where she has worked for nine years in the past.

She said: "I started off here as a nursery nurse, but I have had to step in twice when other people left or went off sick."

"In May, like so many other people, I got a letter telling us about the threat of closure."

"To be honest I cried. The nursery is such a valuable asset for Faversham and I have so many lovely memories of the place. I didn't have long to get a business plan together, but I did and I'm hopeful of making it a real success."

The mum-of-two revealed how she plans to change the nursery's name to Twinkle Toes, introduce a new colourful logo and extend opening hours to help working parents who commute to London.

Twenty-nine youngsters aged up to five

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Council's Bike-to-Work day a wheel letdown

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

A BIKE-to-Work Day aimed at hundreds of council workers has proved a big letdown – after only 12 people took part.

More than 300 Swale council staff were urged to leave their cars at home and pedal their way to work on Wednesday, June 17.

But despite a promise of free bacon butties and tea for bikers who turned up at Swale House – only a dozen bothered.

A council spokesman denied the turnout was poor and said many staff took public transport to work on Bike-to-Work Day because they lived too far from the offices in Sittingbourne.

He added: "One planning officer cycled from her home in Northfleet to Swale House, taking two hours and 20 minutes.

"You could say that the amount was disappointing, but we didn't count those who took public transport.

"Swale council is committed to taking steps to make workers aware of environmental issues. We have a carbon management plan to encourage staff to be aware of their carbon consumption.

"Bike-to-Work Day was all part of a bigger project to try and change people's habits. Some people supported the day, but it wasn't recorded."

Bike expert Adrian Oliver, aka Dr Bike, said the one-off event, part of national Bike Week 2009, showed that a lot of council workers lacked the confidence to tackle their early morning commute using leg-work.

He said: "I held my bike clinic for people and wrote prescriptions giving advice about bike care.

"One worker needed new tyres and I put that on the prescription, another needed a bit of oil and to be taken in at night.



DR BIKE: Adrian Oliver said council staff lacked the confidence to tackle their early morning commute by getting on their bikes

Jill Read, Swale council's projects officer and spokeswoman for Bike Week, said: "Everybody who took part in Swale's Bike to Work Day really enjoyed themselves.

"Dr Bike was on hand to pump up everyone's tyres ready for the ride home and offer advice on repairs and road safety.

"Cycling is a great way to help the environment, save money on fuel and get fit for free."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Brewery bike riders coasting all the way

PEDAL power has helped a team of breathless brewery workers raise £1,000 for charity.

Ten staff from Shepherd Neame in Faversham took part in a 54-mile London to Brighton bike ride on June 21. The annual event took them through Surrey and Sussex and finished on Brighton seafront.

More than 27,000 cyclists from throughout the UK were raising cash for the British Heart Foundation. Many did the ride in under five hours.

Shepherd Neame's Lyn Fielder said: "It was hard work, especially in the midsummer sun, but we all eventually made it across the finish line."

Loyal shoppers to be rewarded by scheme

SHOPS in Faversham are launching a loyalty card scheme to encourage people to buy local.

Businesses have set up the scheme to beat the recession and combat competition from neighbouring towns.

The card costs £5 and will be available from this month to anyone who shops regularly in the town.

Shoppers will collect points by swiping their card after purchases at participating stores for rewards, including money off and other offers.

Businesses already signed up include Hercules Wine Warehouse, Grow@Brogdale, Emereld Gowns and Crowns, Presentimes, Steven James Hairdressers and Albion Taverna.

'Jobs are safe', store giant tells Co-op staff

MORRISONS bosses have assured staff they will be retained after the supermarket giant takes over the Co-op store in Faversham.

The outlet will be the firm's 418th UK store, but a representative emphasised the deal was still in the early stages.

"Morrisons has acquired the Faversham Co-op store," the official confirmed.

"Staff have been briefed and people now working at the Co-op store will join Morrisons on the handover."



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Irish take Hilary to their hearts at half-way point

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

DETERMINED Hilary Lister's quest to become the first disabled woman to sail solo around Britain approached its half-way point this week.

The 37-year-old Selling resident was greeted by a pipe band in Arklow, County Wicklow, when she reached the coast of Ireland two weeks ago and team members say she is in fine spirits.

She has since spent ten days sailing up the east coast of Ireland before arriving in the fishing town of Ardglass in County Down, Northern Ireland, from Carlingford on Friday, after a "very wet sail".

After taking a rest day, Hilary has been waiting in Ardglass since Sunday for the right conditions to cross the Irish Sea to Scotland and resume her epic voyage, which began in Dover in May.

After passing through the Caledonian Canal in Scotland she will sail down the east coast of England back to Kent.

Hilary said: "Everyone in Arklow looked after us incredibly well. I was put up in the Bay Hotel, which had a bath I could use and I spent more time in it than in the bed. The rest of the team had an apartment upstairs.

"Both were organised by the sailing club through a lady called Peir. I was proud to be made a member of Arklow Sailing Club, somewhere I will be very happy to revisit."

She also revealed how local groups in the Republic of Ireland had raised more than 2,000



ALL SMILES: Hilary Lister and her support team were humbled by the hospitality they received in Ireland

euros for her Dream Trust charity.

It hasn't been plain sailing for Hilary, who has battled infection and sometimes insurmountable weather conditions.

The quadriplegic mariner controls her boat using a complex system of sipping and puffing into straws which operates a mechanism to steer the craft.

Shore team manager Paul Tahoni said: "She had a bit of pneumonia but took antibiotics and

it went. Ireland has been incredibly kind to us. The money raised has been unbelievable. We will never forget our time here.

"From Ardglass she'll make her way to Port Patrick in Scotland and carry on. She'll be finishing her journey, with luck, by the end of August."

Hilary has already become the first quadriplegic sailor to sail solo across the English Channel in 2005 and the first quadriplegic woman to sail around the Isle of Wight in 2007.



CUT ABOVE: Paula Trower (left) cuts the Olympic flag with Catherine Herbert from Swale council

Artist cutting it fine as part of Olympic Games celebrations

SWALE'S Olympic celebrations have started with artist Paula Trower cutting a 2012 London Games flag into 200 pieces to mail out across the borough.

The flag was used locally to celebrate the handover of the Olympics from Beijing to London on August 24 last year.

Paula, an artist from Sheppey, has cut the flag into 200 pieces, which will be mailed in golden envelopes to people across Swale.

The recipients of an envelope and a piece of the flag will receive instructions of where and when to return their piece.

If they are unable to make that day and time, they should pass the piece of flag to a friend so they can return it and enable the flag to come back together once more.

The joined up flag will then be flown again. Those lucky enough to receive a golden envelope who return their piece of the flag at the Sittingbourne Spectacular will be entered into a draw to win £200.

Artist Paula said: "I am thrilled to be working on this fun project in Swale.

"I am really looking forward to seeing the flag reunited."

Mum Jackie to the rescue

FROM FRONT PAGE

years old currently attend the nursery, but she hopes to boost numbers with the new service.

"We want to open from 8am to 6pm to start off with, then later open earlier at 7.30am so parents can get to work in London without having to worry," she said.

"I think the parents appreciate having mature staff who are mums themselves, because we can listen to their problems and understand what it's like."

Having been a nursery nurse for nearly 20 years, before taking a year out to drive a car parts delivery van in Faversham, Mrs Buxted admitted she's relishing the challenge to make Twinkle Toes a success.

She said: "My 11 staff put in so much hard work and I just couldn't see the place close. I love having the children here and seeing them grow and develop. It's the greatest feeling in the world, to watch them take their first steps or do things they couldn't before."

Catrin Woodend, headteacher at the Abbey School, said: "We are delighted to welcome an experienced party offering staff the opportunity to retain their roles, and are satisfied Jackie will deliver a happy and productive environment for all children and staff."

Art centrepiece will be festival's cherry on top

■ BY NICK AMES

A MOUTH-watering fruit festival featuring 300 kinds of cherries is being held in Faversham next week.

The annual two-day Cherry Festival includes an array of fun, games and food for all the family, say staff at Brogdale Farm – home of the national fruit collection.

As well as music, stalls, archery displays, a miniature railway and cooking demonstrations, a giant colourful work of art by Kent artists will also feature.

The metre-high Cherry Crush will be made entirely from cherries and will go on display in a marquee at the festival, which starts on Saturday, July 11, at 10am.

Brogdale manager Sally George said: "The Cherry Festival is going to

be brilliant. Most people don't know there are hundreds of different varieties and we will have many of them here for visitors to sample. The art piece has taken a long time to create and it will be very impressive – if it goes according to plan."

Manston-based Simon Mitchell is creating the huge cherry artwork with four other artists.

He said: "Our brief was to create something for the festival and we came up with a cherry made out of, well, cherries.

"We'll use many different kinds to create shade and light on the model. The base is made of timber. It should be a wonderful centrepiece for the festival."

For more information visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk or ring 01795 536250.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Seafaring pair rescued after forgetting to fill up

TWO hapless speedboat enthusiasts had to be rescued after running out of fuel.

The lifeboat was called to the speedboat off the Whitstable coast at 11am on Sunday, June 21. But on arrival the boat had drifted so far the rescuers had to start searching near Seasalter.

At 11.25am the Whitstable lifeboat crew found the speedboat half a mile off Seasalter Sailing Club. They brought the pair aboard and towed their speedboat.

Sounds good: free clinic for hearing aid users

A LOCAL charity is running a free clinic for those with hearing aids.

Deaf and hard of hearing people can drop in and get their NHS hearing aids cleaned and re-rubbed, and collect fresh batteries.

All these services are free at Northgate Community Centre in Canterbury, courtesy of HiKent. There is also free advice and demonstrations of the charity's range of equipment. The clinic is on Thursday, July 2 from 2pm to 4pm.

Educate yourself about possibilities at open day

TAKE a closer look at Canterbury College's facilities as part of its open day on July 1.

If you're either a student looking for inspiration or an adult considering returning to education, there are plenty of options available and you will have the chance to meet lecturers. The event runs from 2-8pm.

For more information visit www.cant.ac.uk.

Whitstable's one way system to be extended

WHITSTABLE'S town centre one way system is to be extended to prevent motorists using narrow residential roads.

The experimental rules are to be extended eastwards to the junction with St Anne's road, after householders in Park Avenue complained that westbound traffic was using the narrow residential street to reach Tankerton Road.

Park Avenue is so narrow that cars are forced to mount the pavement to get past one another. The new system will be introduced later this month.



RARE? Unseen shots of the Beatles first American tour in 1965 could soon go on sale in a Tankerton shop when it opens to coincide with the Whitstable Oyster Festival

Are unseen Beatles photos the real deal?

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

NEVER before seen Beatles photos and memorabilia could soon be on sale in a shop in Tankerton.

The items are from a suitcase Frazer Claughton, a Tankerton man, bought on a visit to Australia in 2004.

He claims to have bought it unopened for AU\$50 and discovered it was full of unseen shots of the Beatles first American tour in 1965, unheard recordings and other memorabilia.

Jonty Read, Mr Claughton's lifelong friend, said Mr Claughton phoned him from Australia and told him about the suitcase's contents.

Mr Read told him to shut the suitcase, not to tell anyone about it, and get it back to England as soon as possible.

The suitcase was purported to have belonged to Mal Evans, a road manager, assistant and friend of the band who was shot by Los Angeles police in 1976.

Yet experts have cast doubt over the veracity of claims regarding the suitcase's provenance, and the rarity of its contents.

Shortly after its discovery the contents of the suitcase were discredited as fakes from the 1990s.

But Mr Read says he put about a rumour the contents were fake because he was being sued by Mr Evans' widow, and that Yoko Ono and Sir Paul McCartney tried to stop the contents



FAB FOUR: Jonty Read with one of the Beatles pictures

being published.

But now he says the contents are real, original and unpublished.

Some of the contents of the suitcase will be on sale in a shop in Tankerton from the opening on July 12 to coincide with the Whitstable

Oyster Festival.

They will be among other memorabilia on sale at the shop, which include a Manchester United football shirt signed by the squad, a cap worn by Madonna on stage, a shirt worn by Elvis on stage, and a signed David Beckham photograph.

There will be a range of other royal, sports and celebrity collectables from £50 to several thousand.

According to Mr Read, EastEnders and The Bill star Christopher Ellison will be at the launch.

The shop, which is on Tankerton Road, will also house an art gallery selling original art works by local artists John Jenkins, Ron Chadwick, Jane Scott and Lucy Read.

The top floor will be dedicated to a beauty salon offering everything from Swedish massage to tanning services.

Mr Read, who decided to start the shop, said: "I retired three or four months ago and got bored.

"I have always been interested in art because my daughter studied fine art in Brighton, and the shop came up. Local people have helped out a lot."

"The shop is for local artists to sell their wares in a high profile store so they don't have to go to London.

"The memorabilia is something I've always been interested in. I'm a manic collector of all sorts.

"It doesn't have to make money, but if it does it'll be lovely."

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PATRON: Soap star Scott Maslen is to become the patron of Canterbury's Kent Kids Miles of Smiles charity

Albert Square's Jack brings a smile to charity

EASTENDERS star Scott Maslen has thrown his support behind a good cause which helps sick and disabled children.

The 37-year-old actor – famed for his role as Albert Square hunk Jack Branning – revealed he would become patron of Canterbury's Kent Kids Miles of Smiles charity this week.

An official announcement about his patronage is set to be made at its annual music festival on July 26.

He said: "I'm really very honoured to be associated with the charity, they're doing such wonderful work on such a small amount of money.

"I agreed to become a patron as I was so impressed by the quality of work and the total commitment of those working there.

"For such a small charity to be making such a genuine difference to the lives of so many children is amazing.

"From the moment you set foot in one of their bases you are struck by the professionalism and warmth of the staff, and also by the fact that everything they do is focused around children."

The Woolwich-born former model said celebrities should do everything they can to highlight the work of lesser-known charities.

"In my role as patron I hope to help raise

■ **BY GARETH DORRIAN**

the profile of Kent Kids Miles of Smiles and encourage others to support the great work being done by everyone here", he said.

Kent Kids Miles of Smiles is set to celebrate the tenth anniversary of its first care home Footprints, which provides care and respite for sick and disabled children.

Scott said: "Footprints is a fantastic place which does so much good work to help kids recover from illness and cope with disability."

Head of fundraising Liz Baxter said she was delighted that Scott had agreed to become patron, and was thrilled to have their work recognised and endorsed by him.

"His dedication and commitment will be a huge asset to the charity and we are honoured to welcome this popular star to our team," she said.

"Our partnership will give us an amazing platform to increase awareness and reach further into the community. Increased awareness will help us to raise further funds to support and enhance the excellent work of Kent Kids Miles of Smiles.

"We hope through the partnership our message will go county-wide and that our children, young people and their families, who are at the centre of everything we do, will benefit from the increased support we can offer them."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A green city tour by bike

A **HOUSING** developer in Canterbury is encouraging citizens to go green with a cycling event on Saturday.

There will be a two hour guided cycle tour of Canterbury starting at 1pm, as well as practical advice on bike maintenance and cycling style from Dr Bike.

Everyone will have the opportunity to win a new bicycle in a free prize draw and there will be equipment displays from local bike shops.

According to the developers, the event is to encourage locals to travel around Canterbury in a healthier and greener way.

The event is hosted by Berkeley Homes who built the Kingsbrook Park development. The event is held there between 11am and 3pm on Saturday, July 4.

Kingsbrook Park is on the corner of Broad Oak and Kingsmead Road. The event is free.

To sign up email cycltour@berkeley-group.co.uk with name, address and number.

Elderly trio stuck at sea

THREE elderly people stuck out at sea had to be rescued by the Whitstable lifeboat.

The trio was aboard a 31 foot motor cruiser which was at anchor two miles from Whitstable when they encountered problems.

The craft's anchor chain was jammed in the winch, meaning the boat was effectively immovable. Due to a choppy sea, the boat's seasick occupants could not free the chain.

The lifeboat put a crewman aboard the vessel, tied a towline to the anchor rope to take the weight off, and were then able to un-jam the winch.

Web lifts curtain on theatre

A **TIME**-lapse web cam means everyone can watch the Marlowe Theatre's reincarnation from their homes.

The camera, which is on the roof of the Canterbury Tales pub opposite the site, takes pictures every 15 minutes.

The camera has only been on for two weeks, but there are already significant changes. The website constantly updates pictures at www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk, so people can see how the project has developed over weeks and months. A lot of the work being carried out cannot be seen from ground level due to solid fencing around the site.

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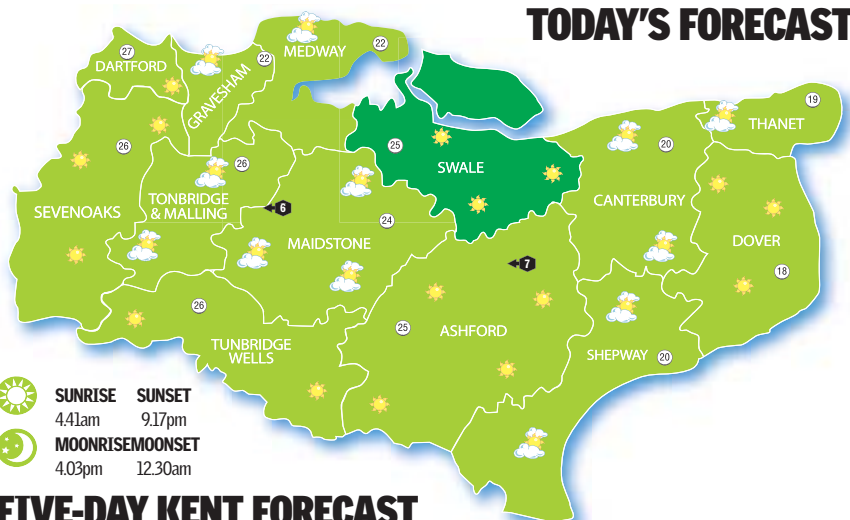
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| Ramsgate | Saturday | 10:24am | 4.3m |
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PRICELESS: Dean gets his £50 vouchers from daughter Julie and The Forum centre manager Mr Forder (right)

Deserving Dean crowned best dad in competition

A THREE-year-old girl giggled as her dad was crowned Kent's best dad in a Father's Day competition.

Little Julie Hopkins was thrilled when her dad Dean, 24, won the Forum Shopping Centre's search for the perfect pop, bagging himself £50 worth of vouchers.

The Forum, in Sittingbourne, launched a Father's Day competition asking shoppers why their dad deserved to win some fabulous prizes.

Winning dad Dean, who works at the centre's Somerfield store, was nominated by Julie with help from mum Kerri, 23.

Centre manager Allen Forder said: "It's fantastic to be able to reward deserving dads like Dean. I hope he enjoys his prizes from the centre."

The prize was £50 to spend in the Forum.



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Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I am managing editor with a Kent-based company called Holiday Extras. We sell airport car parking, airport hotels and other travel extras, such as insurance. I look after the content on the company's websites and handle the press and public relations. The company employs around 350 people in the county and serves over three million customers a year. Previously, I worked in local newspapers in Kent and south London.

Q What do you hope to achieve as a councillor?

A I want to try to get the decision-makers to do the common-sense thing. There is always more than one way to solve a problem. Very often public bodies appear to come up with the most complicated reasons as to why something has to be the way it is. The public don't get that and what we don't understand, we tend to resent. If I can do anything, it'll be to opt for the simple way forward.

Q What would you like to say about Roger Truelove, who preceded you in your KCC seat?

A I'd like to pay tribute to both outgoing county councillors for Swale Central, Roger Truelove and Brenda Simpson. They worked hard for the area over a number of years, and ensured that the needs of the residents were well aired at County Hall.

Q What responsibilities will you have as a county councillor?

A As the member for the Swale Central division, I'm here to look after the interests of my constituents and ensure their voices are heard. I'm ultimately responsible for setting policies and priorities for all KCC services – including roads, transport and waste management, social services and education.

Q What are the best and worst things about Swale?

A The best thing about Swale is the people. You have to go a long way to find so many willing volunteers and charity fundraisers. I'm amazed by the number of people – young and old – who get involved with their local communities, from garden committees to parish councils, clubs and associations.

The worst things are the rising unemployment and the deteriorating high streets. The recession is hitting parts of the borough really hard and everyone, from the Government down, has to do what they can to instill confidence and get the local economy back on a sound footing.

Q How would you go about making real changes to local people's lives?

A By empowering them. By getting as many people as possible involved in local initiatives, running their own affairs and deciding on their own priorities. Communities

thrive where people feel engaged and this can bring out the best in all the people who live in those communities.

Q Do you think the MPs' expenses scandal has affected how people see politics?

A Yes. People living through the worse recession in decades, commuting hours every day and struggling to pay bills, cannot understand why MPs think it's OK to make money from second homes, or charge snacks and moat-cleaning to the taxpayer. Worst of all, when they see MPs defending the system and hiding behind arcane rules, they feel powerless to do anything about it. The only way to clear the air is to call a general election now.

Q What do you think of the current debate over Europe and the EU?

A I don't think there is much of a debate. The expenses scandal drowned out any real consideration of European issues in the recent elections. I think Britain would welcome a referendum on, for example, the Lisbon Treaty as a chance to air some of the concerns that people have and a chance for the politicians to answer those concerns honestly.

Q How do you relax?

A I love sitting at home playing the piano – although I'm not sure my wife is equally enthusiastic about my musical abilities!

Q & A

The Conservative county councillor for Swale Central spoke to **Nick Ames** about being elected to represent the area at County Hall last month, the impact of the MPs' expenses scandal and his views on Europe

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Festival organisers' £1m ticket splashout

NEARLY half of all tickets for Kent's biggest music festival of the summer have been given away FREE with a flimsy celeb-backed raincoat worth just £10.

Organisers behind the star-studded Hop Farm event in Paddock Wood next weekend stunned music fans earlier this week when the unbelievable offer of a pair of complimentary weekend passes, worth £250, was tacked onto sales of blue and grey designer 'Splashmacs' on a budget fashion website.

But they have denied claims the event was selling poorly – despite some fans who already snapped up tickets reacting furiously to news of the offer.

The 20,000-capacity event takes place next weekend with a big-hitting line-up including the likes of Paul Weller, The Fratellis, Editors and Echo and the Bunnymen.

A remarkable 6,000 weekend tickets – which normally sell for £125 each – have been promised to buyers who paid for a colourful bad weather cover worth less than a tenth of the ticket's value.

The MandMDirect site was flooded with so many customers on Tuesday trying to get their hands on the Splashmac, it sold out and switched the ticket offer to a luminous towel, worth £9.77.

A few hours later and 1,000 had gone, meaning another 2,000 people could snap-up Hop Farm passes. That's a total of 8,000 tickets given away as part of the promotion – or £1million's worth of potential sales.

The website reported that the closing date to claim tickets was June 29. All those taking advantage of the offer had to do was pay £16 for a camping permit.

Hop Farm Festival chiefs who pride themselves on their "no sponsors, no branding" approach have denied the extraordinary offer was merely a stunt to get rid of unwanted tickets.

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH DORRIAN

They claim the giveaway was a stroke of generosity by festival boss and famous promoter Vince Power and a drive to raise money for a good cause – but didn't prove the Hop Farm Festival was a flop which hard-up punters didn't want to attend.

All funds raised from the sale of three thousand £9.99 Splashmacs and 1,000 towels will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust charity.

Festival spokesman Ian Roberts said: "Vince Power is just an incredibly generous man. He has decided to give away tickets with every purchase of a Splashmac.

Sold out

"I don't think anyone will have a problem giving money to a reputable and worthy cause. Certainly we live in difficult times and music festivals are in a difficult position.

"But we are sure the Hop Farm Festival is an incredibly strong event with a fantastic line-up that people in Kent will really enjoy. A great weekend of top bands and entertainment is in store."

A customer service worked for the MandMDirect website admitted: "We've been inundated with calls about the Splashmac, it's an unbelievable offer. Some people have bought two or three of them, meaning they could have six tickets for the Hop Farm."

Some fans who have paid for tickets are furious. Emily Dorman, 23, from Maidstone, said she had struggled to raise the cash to buy a pair of tickets and couldn't believe the Splashmac offer.

She added: "I scrimped and saved to get these tickets and then I hear they're being dished out with a raincoat. It's not fair, to be honest. I just hope the festival is as good as they say it's going to be."



MAKING A SPLASH: Former Atomic Kitten singer Jenny Frost models a Splashmac

MandMDirect spokesman Ed Green told Kent on Saturday: "The Splashmacs have been designed and modelled by very famous people. We teamed up with the Hop Farm Festival to give people a brilliant chance to see some fantastic bands and raise money for charity at the same time.

"The Splashmacs sold out very very quickly, the pick-up has been phenomenal. There were only 3,000 of them. But we have ordered more to be delivered. We temporarily switched the project to the towels and all 1,000 sold out."

Vince Power has stated he intends the Hop Farm Festival to be a long-term project and one which would put Kent "on the map".



SNAP AWAY: Authorities say taking pictures of your children at sports day does not breach the Data Protection Act

Privacy watchdog gives thumbs up to sports day photos

PARENTS who take photographs of their children at sports days and school plays are acting completely within the law – a privacy watchdog has ruled.

Local authorities, including Kent County Council, have been told that mums and dads are allowed to take shots for the family album – and that it's no breach of the Data Protection Act.

Relatives wanting to take pictures at public events have often been told that they are breaking the rules.

But the Office of the Information Commissioner last week said this interpretation was simply wrong.

It ruled that any snap taken for the family photograph album would normally be acceptable. This guidance can be used to challenge any bans enforced by councils as many schools stage their annual sports days.

Guidance has been sent to education authorities across the country. It reads: "Fear of breaching the provisions of the Act should not be wrongly used to stop people taking photographs or videos which provide many with much pleasure.

"Where the act does apply, a common sense approach suggests that if the photographer asks for permission to take a photograph, this will usually be enough to ensure compliance."

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Egg-stremely good fun on the free-range farm

RACHEL MCATHY finds out more about the happy lives of egg-laying chickens

CAMPAIGNS for free-range egg production have swept across the nation, endorsed by celebrity chefs and supported by some of the country's biggest stores.

Now rearing your own chickens, for the freshest eggs around, has become one of the country's fastest growing hobbies, which is good news for one farmer.

Doug Wanstall runs Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, and it is from here that he pioneered a local food distribution hub that now supplies Kent produce across the county and in London.

But much of his success is down to the work of an army of 30,000 free-range chickens.

With access to 100 acres of land, they live a carefree life – popping out around 178,500 eggs a week.

But it is the nation's love of our feathered friends that has boosted business the most.

"People seem to be more emotionally attached to their chickens than anything else, which is nice for us," he said. "It is quite bizarre."

Collecting the eggs follows an almost military procedure. The eggs are laid into nesting boxes and then roll down onto a conveyor belt before being examined, graded and boxed

ready for sale. But the trickiest job is getting every bird back to the roost at night.

"They get let out at 7am and we take it in turns to bring them in again at dusk," he said. "It's my turn at the moment to round them up, and it's not easy. It's often 10pm before the little darlings are ready to go to bed."

Programmes by celebrity chefs such as Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, who spearheaded a free-range chicken campaign, helped boost interest in Mr Wanstall's business. It also led to the BBC using Mr Wanstall for its egg needs.

Chickens that are free to roam get a much more varied and nutritious diet, whereas yolks from caged hens are often injected with artificial colours to give them the glow only grass can naturally give.

Despite more and more people rearing their own 'backyard' chickens, Mr Wanstall said business is good.

In fact, to keep up with demand, he has started supplying people with the chickens and the know-how to 'lay their own'.

"As long as they have a suitable amount of land, anyone can have chickens," he said. "There is nothing like getting eggs fresh every morning, you can't beat it."

"Although you have to be prepared for the chickens' fairly destructive nature when it comes to grass."



Even the reject eggs do not go unused and are donated to Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, in return for hefty amounts of elephant dung for use as fertilizer.

Mr Wanstall's great-grandfather bought the farm, which has passed down through the generations, in 1918.

His father still works on the farm, as well as his uncle – it is truly a family business.

Since he took over, Mr Wanstall's dreams of getting local produce more readily available have become a reality. He now supplies

hospitals, schools, hotels, food stores and restaurants in Kent and London. He also buys products from local farmers and sells them on to a range of customers interested in local food.

Despite economic struggles earlier in the year, which ended his supplies to Asda stores in Kent, he still provides the supermarket with 20,000 eggs a month.

• **Mr Wanstall's eggs can be purchased online at www.foodforkent.co.uk – your one-stop shop for all your locally produced, and sourced food and drink.**



Win a luxury hamper of Kentish delights

YOU have until the end of July to be in with a chance of winning a luxury hamper of Kent food and drink.

To tie in with 'Hop to Your Local Shop' week, Produced in Kent is hoping to encourage people to make the most of their local farm shops and independent food retailers.

To be in with a chance of winning, you must supply the name of the village or town you live in and the nearest farm shop online at www.producedinkent.co.uk.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent said: "We want to shout about the benefits and pleasures of shopping in your local farm shop or independent food retailer."

"Shopping locally is also a lot more fun and it's cheaper than the supermarket."

Research shows £10 spent locally is worth £25 to the local economy, as opposed to £10 spent in a supermarket, which is worth just £14 to the local economy.

The competition ends on July 31.

Plenty of places to buy local

THERE are a host of farmers' markets taking place across the county in the coming week.

On Tuesday, Hildenborough market runs from 9-11am, and Capel-le-Ferne will have stalls running from 10am-1pm. Deal is holding its market on Wednesday, from 9am-noon.

On Thursday, the county is spoilt for choice with five market hosts. Shipbourne market will run from 9-11am, Whitfield from 9am-noon, Bexley Heath from 9am-3pm, Rolvenden from 10am-noon and Chartham from 2.30-5pm.

Again on Friday there are plenty of venues to choose from. At Bromley the stalls will run from 9am-5pm, Edenbridge from 9.30-11.30am, Challock from 1-4pm, Egerton from 2-4.30pm and Aylesham from 2-5pm.

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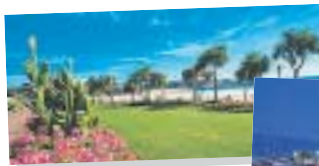
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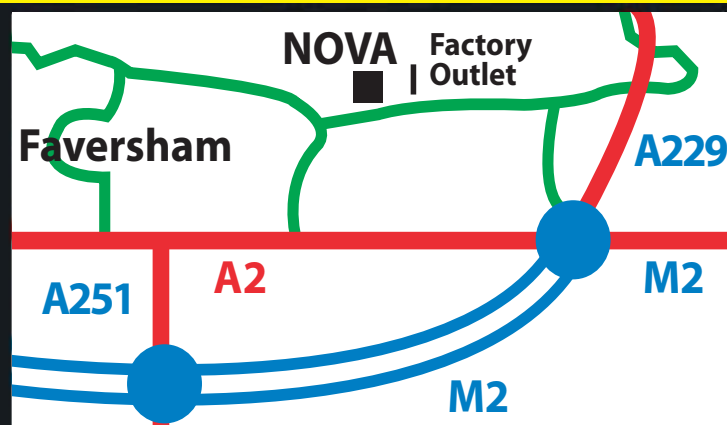
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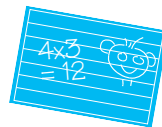
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Poet sparked imaginations to create a book



POETS: Sir Andrew Motion worked with three classes at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne to create a book of poetry

A FORMER Poet Laureate has spent a day working with English students at a school.

Sir Andrew Motion advised three year seven classes at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne on how to write poetry.

He first visited the school in February for a session with teachers on poetry but was so impressed by the school that he said he wanted to come back to work with the children.

Sir Andrew fulfilled this wish by spending an hour with each group and gave them advice on using their imaginations to write poems.

Using a painting of a lady staring out of a window he encouraged them to think as if they were somebody or something in the painting and write six lines accordingly.

He then asked them to read their poems out and made helpful comments about how to improve them, if necessary.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and Sir Andrew was very complimentary about their work, praising the depth and sophistication of some of the ideas they expressed.

The poems produced during the day are going to be published in a book of poetry, along with some other poetry written earlier in the year on the theme of Our World, and this will be available to parents soon.

■ BY NICK AMES

A year seven student also produced a cover picture for the book.

English teacher Julie Deeks said: "All three classes were given a separate project to submit poems to be included in a year seven Fulston Anthology, which is being printed.

"It was a fantastic and inspirational experience for the students and staff involved."

Lesley Evans, the school librarian, said: "It was great seeing the students responding so well to Sir Andrew Motion, who gave them lots of tips on writing poetry and using their imagination to be creative.

"We are producing a book of poetry written by the students and Sir Andrew has promised to write a Foreword for it.

"The students responded brilliantly and produced some very sophisticated poetry, and Sir Andrew was very complimentary about the students and the school."

"I think when Andrew Motion visited us it was highly inspiring and I was honoured to be able to read my poem to him," said pupil Guy Gardener, 12.

Sian Suter, also 12, added: "I thought Andrew Motion was very interesting and exciting. He was very nice and respectful. He treated us like adults and didn't talk down to us at all. His voice was very calming and intriguing. It was a fun day."

BREAK TIME

Nerves grew as judges toured gardens

IT WAS flower power for Abbey School students as they nervously welcomed judges from the South and South East in Bloom competition.

The school, in Faversham, has entered the schools section of the annual competition, pitting itself against dozens of the county's educational establishments to be named top of the crops.

In Bloom judges met the school's head of horticulture, Jo Shrimpton, for a tour of the school grounds, judging pupils' fruit and veg and the environmentally-friendly ways they are growing them.

Joining the action were gardening enthusiasts from nearby St Mary's Primary School, attending an Abbey School horticulture workshop as part of a Business and Enterprise science link.

They proudly exhibited their hanging baskets made with plants propagated by students in the Abbey School's horticultural greenhouses.

South and South East in Bloom, which is sponsored by Southern Water, is held



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Speed workshop was slow to put the message across

IT'S not that often that I get the chance to spend a morning in a room with 18 other convicted criminals, but as a result of an incident with a London speed camera a few months back I found myself in Ealing attending a speed awareness workshop.

Quite frankly, it was an outrage that I was there in the first place. I was clocked doing 34mph in a 30 zone and as Ray, our cheerful lecturer for the day, told me: "You were unlucky that is the lowest speed you have to get to end up at one of these things."

As a first time marginal offender I was given two options. Pay the £60 fine and end up with three points or pay £95 for the chance to visit a London office block and listen to Ray for a couple of hours. The police would then consider the matter dealt with.

I've always been pretty smug about having a clean licence; it has been one of the few things in life I could point to as a sign of my obvious merits as a fine upstanding citizen, so I plumped for the trip to Ealing.

The first session was spent looking at a computer screen showing driving scenarios in which various hazards present themselves.

The film was shot from the driver's point of view. Whoever had taken out the motor that day was very lucky to have made it to work without killing the various cyclists, toddlers on scooters, mums, guide dogs and grannies all leaping off the kerb in front of them.

After being assessed by the computer it concluded that I was average at pretty well everything when it came to driving. Although it did tell me I needed to lower my cruising speed.

In the second session Ray discussed with the group how we should all be more aware of speed and the consequences of being fractionally over the limit in the event of an accident.

I had been warned beforehand that I was

likely to see graphic images of bodies torn apart in motoring accidents. Instead we all took part in a group discussion on why we sometimes go too fast. And this was my problem. Let's be honest, we were all there because we wanted to maintain our clean licence, not some desperate desire to learn about speed.

The least the organisers of these things could have done is shaken us out of our complacency. We deserve to be shocked and have a sleepless night because we have been confronted by the damage a car can do to a flimsy human body. I may have avoided getting the points, but avoiding the guilt if I ever killed someone because of my driving is a much harder dodge to pull off.

The only people who are really benefitting from this exercise are the company contracted to carry out these workshops.

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TALK TIME

SIMON ELLIS

Reporter Jenny Armstrong spoke to Simon Ellis and Professor Janet Tod about their new book on the right behaviour for learning



What is your book about?

Typically books for teachers are either about learning and subject knowledge or about behaviour management. In this book we deliberately link teaching and behaviour management through our behaviour for learning approach. Our approach acknowledges there are social, emotional and cognitive aspects of learning and behaviour. This allows the teacher to better understand why the troublesome behaviour is occurring. This increased understanding will support teachers in choosing strategies more likely to work and being aware of the reasons why some well established strategies do not work for all children.

What is the best behaviour for learning?

It isn't a case of there being a best behaviour for learning, rather of developing the most appropriate behaviour that improves the learning of the individual child. For some children we may want to promote a range of learning behaviours that develop their ability to focus and sustain attention within the group setting of the classroom. For some secondary aged children we may want to address their seeming lack of interest and disruptive behaviour within a group.

How do you get people to behave?

There is evidence that many positive behaviour management strategies used by schools are successful and we cover many of these within the book. As teachers know some individuals do not respond to these strategies. For these individuals our book seeks to give teachers an understanding of how best to work with and positively influence the relationships that underpin learning in group settings.

YOUR LETTERS

Control zones put violent drunks in last chance saloon

By Arthur White
Faversham, Kent
The council has decided to introduce alcohol control zones in Faversham town centre, where drink-fuelled disorder regularly occurs, and if they need extending to other areas do it afterwards.

Bring in alcohol control zones now

After reading the story in last week's Yourswale about alcohol control zones, I find it bizarre that the council needs more time to decide whether to use them in Faversham.

They say the delay is residents requesting the zones cover a larger area, to include places like Davington. But they have been able to work out where to implement them in Sheerness and Leysdown after their success in Sittingbourne.

I know some people might say we don't need them in Faversham, but if they are deemed as helping to stop anti-social behaviour, then let's get on with it.

Bring them in for Faversham town centre, where drink-fuelled disorder regularly occurs, and if they need extending to other areas do it afterwards.

Arthur White,
from Ospringe, by email.



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They should catch tax dodgers instead

So Swale council has been considering offering prizes for people

paying their tax by direct debit.

There is no excuse for people failing to pay their council tax, so I cannot see the logic in rewarding their slackness.

Of course it's right to encourage people to pay their tax quickly,



but this is something they should do anyway and they hardly deserve a prize for abusing the system.

Instead the council should find ways to make paying easier and speed up catching and prosecuting those who do not pay.

That will make them sit up quicker than the chance to enter a prize draw!

Susan Rogers, from Sittingbourne,
comment posted on web story at
www.yourswale.co.uk

Direct debit is the best way to pay

I recently got into arrears with the council because I could not pay cash.

I have a bank account but it does not allow debit card payments, it is a simple cash card account.

I was told that I could pay at Paypoints and since then I have had no problems.

To be honest the direct debit way is cheaper for the council, which can only be good in the long run IF the savings are passed to us – the people of Swale.

There is no excuse for not paying the tax really. Go and speak to the council or call them.

James Waters, from Sittingbourne,
comment posted on web story at
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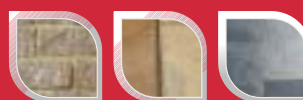
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Food claims are a regular expense

Why is there such an outrage over the small items of food claimed by MPs as part of their expenses?

Where I work one of the few things allowed to be claimed back are small sums for breakfast if you have an early start or dinner for a late finish.

While it was amusing to read the stories about Sittingbourne and Sheppey Labour MP Derek Wyatt claiming for mini pork pies and Scotch eggs, this hardly stacks up against the vast amounts claimed for mortgages and second homes.

Paul Forbes,
from Teynham, by email.

What the deuce do I care for tennis?

Is anyone else fed up to the back teeth with Wimbledon?

In a World Cup or Euro Championship summer it is mercifully ranked right at the bottom of the sporting ladder – where it belongs.

But this year we have an Ashes tournament coming up and yet tennis is all we are hearing about.

Bring back Tim Henman – at least he used to go out in the early rounds and it was all over quicker.

Ian Paynter
By email

Volunteer some time for a worthy cause

I am writing to thank all your readers who have put their hands on their hearts and signed up to volunteer with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) this June.

Volunteers play a vital role in

the work of the BHF and their dedication helps save and improve the lives of those who are affected by heart disease.

There are so many ways you can get involved with supporting the lifesaving work of the BHF – from placing collection boxes and volunteering in a BHF Shop, to organising your own event, such as a coffee morning.

You only have to give the time you can afford – whether it's a regular day, a week or even just a few hours a year.

Whatever you choose to do, you'll be able to take pride in the fact you've taken time to help the charity's work in saving lives and fighting heart disease.

Giving a hand to the BHF is a great way to support the charity and it can also be incredibly rewarding.

So if you haven't already got involved, why not find out more



by visiting bhf.org.uk/volunteer, emailing volunteer@bhf.org.uk or call 0300 4568353. Lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Jackie Brambles,
Loose Women TV show presenter and radio broadcaster, by email.

Tell us about an age old concern in care

Do you feel your age has stopped you – or someone close to you – getting the best breast cancer treatment and care?

Breakthrough Breast Cancer, the UK's leading breast cancer charity has heard that some people feel being older means they don't always get the best treatment and care on the NHS.

The charity now wants to hear about any experiences you, or someone close to you, has had to find out how widespread these concerns are and some of the possible reasons behind them.

If you feel that being older influenced the breast cancer treatment and care you, or someone you know, has experienced then please get in touch and tell us your story.

Readers can help Breakthrough by either answering the charity's survey online at www.breakthrough.org.uk/agesurvey or calling the free phone number 08080 100 200.

Alexis Willett,
head of policy for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, by email.

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Still teaching world to sing

The New Seekers will be visiting Kent on their 40th-anniversary tour. **Neill Barston** talks to Paul Layton, the band's longest-serving member

NEW SEEKERS

Saturday, July 11
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



THERE are few if any musicians who can claim their musical career gained a helping hand from the late, great Doors frontman Jim Morrison.

But so it was for former child actor Paul Layton, whose encounter with the iconic American singer left quite an impression on him during his early 20s.

"Jim interviewed me as the 'new boy' on his group's record label, Elektra. He was over in England doing some gigs at the Roundhouse in London which were great.

"I was a big fan of The Doors and he was a magnetic character, interviewing me with a crate of beer by his side!" said Paul, whose brief stint as a solo artist was not destined to meaningfully trouble the charts.

He could easily have returned to acting, having starred in a range of stage and screen projects including Judy Garland's final movie, *I Could Go On Singing*, and Dixon of Dock Green (co-incidentally marrying the great-niece of its star Jack Warner).

Yet his Jewish family was behind his chosen career path and Paul joined a revised line-up of the New Seekers, courtesy of Bee Gees producer Ossie Byrne, who had worked on one of his solo releases.

"When I applied to join the group I couldn't actually play bass, but like any actor I said that I could, so it was a case of me just asking people I knew to help me learn the tracks.

"They hadn't yet had any commercial success. I joined at the same time as Lyn Paul and we had some great times touring," revealed the Hertfordshire-based musician.

The group, who are on their 40th-anniversary tour, enjoyed a golden period in the early 70s, scoring several top-10 hits including *Beg*



Steal and Borrow, with which they represented Britain at the Eurovision Song Contest, and their most famous song, *I'd Like to Teach The World To Sing*, revised from the 'I'd like to Buy the World a Coke' TV advert.

It proved a huge No 1 hit and remains in the top-100-selling singles in the UK. Its influence has lingered, with rockers Oasis borrowing its simple yet jaunty melody for their album track *Shakermaker*.

They were reportedly forced to pay its writers \$500,000, to which Noel Gallagher commented that "the band just drinks Pepsi now".

These days, 62-year-old Paul has far more time to spend with his family, including his singer-songwriter daughter Lucy.

His other great passion is getting out on the golf course, which touring occasionally allows. But as the longest-serving member of the band, it's never far from his thoughts.

There been many changes in personnel down the years (including a split in the mid-70s), but they have survived far longer than many acts could ever hope for.

"Though our early days were great, there was a lot of pressure, so now we are just really enjoying ourselves for the 40th-anniversary tour.

"There are no problems of egos within the band and we're putting out a greatest-hits album on which we've recorded some new tracks along with some of the old material, which is something we've not done in a long time.

"The audiences have been very good to us and we enjoy meeting them all with signings at the end of the show, which we'll be doing down in Folkestone."

To book tickets for the New Seekers in Folkestone, either phone the box office on 0870 400089 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

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LOUNGE ON THE FARM

Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12
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Rochester's James Taylor Quartet, Inspirational Carpets frontman Tom Hingley, Roots Manuva, The King Blues and The Horrors, to name a few, will ensure the party goes with a bang.

Among the line-up are plenty of strong local acts including blues rock hero Billy Childish, Hobo Jones and the Junkyard Dog, Kid



Harpoon, the Lovedays and folk rock outfit Wheeler Street who will be fresh from an appearance at Glastonbury.

The festival is about having fun, good tunes, local food, drinks in the sunshine and above all has something for everyone who appreciates a good musical cocktail and a lot of laughs among friends.

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NOISE NEXT DOOR

Wednesday, July 1
The Orange Street Music Club, Canterbury

AN evening of raucous laughter is promised with the return of the Noise Next Door comedy group at the Orange Street Music Club in Canterbury.

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'The Noise Next Door' aim to have you in stitches with their blend of ludicrous characters, barbed one liners, epic stories and musical extravagance. These five slightly posh blokes are based in Brighton, but are touring venues around the world, with their distinctive brand of off the cuff humor.

Chortle's Steve Bennett praised the group highly. He said: "Five slick improvisers... No-one can fail to be engaged by the vivacious sense of fun." The event starts at 8pm. Tickets from £6 on the door. For more information visit www.orangestreet.music.com.

JULIAN CLARY

July 8, 745pm
Gulbenkian Theatre

HIGHLY camp yet always entertaining, Kent comedian Julian Clary will be bringing his distinctive adult-flavoured stand-up act to the Gulbenkian.

The risqué comic recently released his third book, *The Devil In Disguise*, and continues to be a regular TV favourite.

His appearance on *Strictly Come Dancing* endeared him to the nation and earlier this year he took part in the series' national tour alongside Lilia Kopylova.

He owns a seven-bedroom farmhouse which he shares with his pet whippet Valerie near Ashford. The property was formerly owned by Noel Coward and neighbour is fellow screen host Paul O'Grady. Both share a love of camp comedy and Julian is famous for having attempted to revive the Carry On series with Carry on Columbus.

Of his latest tour, *Lord of The Mince*, he says: "I Julian Clary, have done for mincing what Michael Flatley did for Irish Dancing." Tickets £17. Contact box office for returns on 01227 769075 or visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian.



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Classic cars rally to help children's hospice

AN ARRAY of vintage motors is expected to turn out for the Demelza House Classic Car Show on Saturday.

The event at Fulston Manor School's sports field in Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne, also has side shows, stalls, rides, live music, beer tent, refreshments and ice creams.

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Your chance to look inside historic homes

THE Faversham Society Open House 2009 event will offers a chance to visit some of the finest historic properties in the town this Saturday and on July 11 and 18.

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Villagers invite you to come into the garden

CELEBRATE the summer with Pimms on the green, ploughman's lunches and local beers at Newnham village open gardens event on July 9.

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All aboard games truck for summer fete fun

RODMERSHAM Primary School is holding its summer fete on Sunday.

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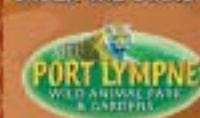
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Modfather heads a stellar line-up at two-day festival



MODFATHER: Paul Weller will wrap up the festival

THE Hop Farm Festival is just three days away – and tickets are still available.

The Paddock Wood two-day, which kicks off on Saturday, boasts 50 of the top bands, DJs and solo artists from across the globe, and with a weekend ticket costing just £125, I make that £2.50 per artist.

That's £2.50 to watch the Modfather Paul Weller bring the main stage to a close on Sunday night.

For less than the price of a pint you could watch up-and-coming singer/songwriter Florence and the Machine on the opening day. British favourites The Fratellis, Pigeon Detectives, The View and Ash all join Florence on the Saturday line-up.

Sunday brings the Editors, Doves, Super Furry Animals and Mystery Jets to Kent.

Dance fans have also been catered for, with Etienne De Crecy, Alex Gopher and Scratch Perverts all taking to the decks.

The line-up across all three stages is so strong that it leaves Hop Farm ticket holders with a number of difficult decisions.

Late night Sunday could be spent in front of the main stage with Paul Weller, by the dance stage and 2ManyDJs or the third stage with British Sea Power.

Mid-afternoon Saturday sees Brit pop veterans Ash and breakthrough rock trio The Joy Formidable take to separate stages at the same time.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Too much choice.

The Hop Farm Festival stands alone in the overcrowded festival market, offering an event free from ticket registration, VIP areas, branding and sponsorship.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON



NEWCOMERS: Rock trio The Joy Formidable

This year the festival offers a weekend experience of boutique camping, top-notch food and traditional ales.

The Hop Farm Festival takes place at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood on Saturday July 4 and Sunday July 5. Weekend tickets cost £125, with day tickets priced at £65.

For more information on this year's event visit www.hopfarmfestival.com

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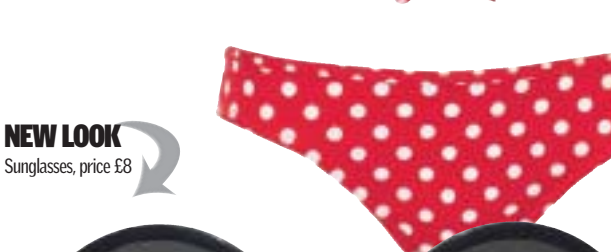
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To ensure you don't miss out, Norfolkline Ferries are offering £29 each way for a car and four people. Tickets for the festival cost 75 Euros for a three day pass. See www.norfolkline.com/ferry or www.vieillescharrues.asso.fr.

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The Summer Party fashion show in Maidstone will see shops including House of Fraser, Oasis and Zara unveil their holiday styles during the free catwalk shows at 11.30am and 2pm.

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The American author will be signing copies of her book Dragon Keeper, which is the first in her new Rain Wild Chronicles. Hobb will be at Waterstone's from 1.30pm on Thursday, July 9.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU...
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Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

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Caring, loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CUDDLY FEMALE
32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 349402

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Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265

HAPPY DAYS!
Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

SOUND GOOD?
Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...
Hello I'm Andrea, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, the cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

STARRY NIGHTS
Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

LOOKING FOR A LOVING CHAP
Ashford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985

UNDERSTAND ME
Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, stronger, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524

GALLOP AHEAD!
Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

PERHAPS PERHAPS
Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-2-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

ACTIVE TYPE
Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTW mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY
Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

A WARM HEART AND GSOH
Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090

PROFESSIONAL
Fun bubbly sexy black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744

YOU NEVER KNOW
Kind, loving and caring woman, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY
Bubbly female, 44, brunette, NS, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

ALONG THE SHORE
Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

BLONDE AMBITION
Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft5, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

CUTE AS CAN BE
Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship/romance. Box 897983

SCOTTISH LASS
Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 878378

JOINED AT THE HIP
Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

THE WIT TO WOO!
Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE
Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

FANCY A DRINK?
Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water sports, cinema, animals; WLTW fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

A HEART FULL OF LOVE
Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTW a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890

A FAIRY TALE ENDING
Easygoing blonde animal lover, 41, tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and walks, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

BETWEEN US
Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?
Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

MAN AFTER MIDNIGHT
Outgoing lady, 48, 5ft4, short dark hair, hazel eyes, cuddly but curvy, looking to meet a nice man, to share good times with. Box 882022

SAY YES!
Funny lady, 48, looking for tattooed hippy/biker/metal type to relieve the boredom. Must enjoy cat cuddling and have own chocolate because I never share! Box 878407

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with two teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952

BE MY GUY
Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?
Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 471700

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

SHARE LIFE
Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463

YOUNG AT HEART
Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113

MAID MARIAN!
Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447986

FANCY A FILM?
Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Box 448266

SOUND GOOD?
Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

HAPPY TIMES
46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing, spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122

2'S COMPANY
Seeking gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman in Rye, 47, work in nursing, WLTW someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366

LOOK THIS WAY
Slim single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly, easygoing, WLTW lots of new friends, hopefully someone special. Box 878456

IN STITCHES!
Kind lady, in my 50s, blonde, hazel eyes, curvy. I like cinema/theatre, walking, reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, meals out. WLTW similar gent. Maidstone. Box 451836

ANIMAL LOVER
Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH, I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals and WLTW similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498

DIVORCED
Loving, kind, honest female, 58, 5ft6, interests include the countryside, old pubs, music, reading and baking. Looking for that special someone to enjoy life with. Box 878456

TO MY NAME'S CHRISTINE
59, 5'9", slim, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for a slim male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE
59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited who loves animals, good for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

CALL ME LOVE
Young at heart 53yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662

LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE
Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for a relationship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
Average female, 53, 5ft4, slim/med build, GSOH, enjoys most things in life, WLTW fun-loving man for friendship, maybe more. Box 878962

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...
Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443842

CUDDLY BUNDLE OF JOY
Loving caring homely lady, 54, honest, shy, likes gardening, long walks and more, looking for a fun-loving, passionate tactile man for nights out and more. Box 451967

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

A COMPANION FOR LIFE?
Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

COULD IT BE YOU?
Blue eyed male into pubs, clubs, cinema and motorbikes who has GSOH and a big heart to share with a special loving, caring female Box 453051

BOTTLE OF WINE
Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 45016

THE GOOD LIFE
Blonde male, 37, 5ft9, love golf, don't mind a beer, WLTW an open-minded female for good times, maybe a relationship. Box 450544

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?
Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

THE BUZZ
Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about you you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

TO SHARE LIFE WITH
Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451992

HONESTY IS KEY
Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101

TAKE A CHANCE
Fun-loving guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a lovely and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452051

I'M YOUR TEDDY BEAR
Soft to the touch and looking for a genuine lady to give me cuddles! I'm a single male, honest and trustworthy and WLTW the right one! Box 878521

TRUSTWORTHY
Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

FULL MARKS
Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTW easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488



MEN seeking women

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME
Paul, 33, 5ft7, dark hair, blue eyes. I'm an honest, reliable and trustworthy guy. I like most sports and I'm looking for a soulmate Box 453042

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT
Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986

GENUINE AND RELIABLE
44yr old single man, 5ft11, slim, brown hair/eyes, likes nights out/days in, looking for a mature curvy female for friendship, good times, hopefully something lasting. Box 452924

SENSE OF HUMOUR A MUST!
Big Mike here! I'm 35, 6ft8, blue eyes, GSOH, like to travel, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

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Professional male, 36, 5ft10n, romantic, attentive, GSOH, no ties, enjoys nights out/in, seeks, attractive female, for fun times and happy days. Box 878493

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CATCH OF THE DAY
Divorced male, 47, interests: fishing, cinema, sport, long walks, countryside, eating out/romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone special, to cuddle up with. Box 451878

PHONE TONE!
Hello, I'm Tony, 47, 5ft8, slim but not skinny, enjoy music, animals and bowling, looking for a special lady to love and care for. East Sussex. Box 452232

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship/more. Box 426202

HAPPY TOGETHER
White male, 47, 5ft7, easygoing, NS, loves a laugh, enjoys theme parks/concerts/romantic walks, WLTW female to be happy with. Box 444339

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTW female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529

FRIENDS FIRST
Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build, I'm easygoing and relaxed and like like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

PUT THE SPICE BACK IN!
Family-oriented guy, 41, separated, looking to find a lady who wants the fun and company of a partner back into their life. Box 884085

SOUL TO SOUL
Happy-go-lucky man, 42, 5ft8, bald, blue eyes and pretty fit! Looking for a proper relationship with someone who wants to meet their soulmate. Box 452967

NEW BOY IN TOWN
I'm a single guy, 5ft8 with bright blue eyes, brown hair, average build, WLTW nice woman to get to know better for a possible LTR. Box 452496

GENUINE AND RELIABLE
44yr old single man, 5ft11, slim, brown hair/eyes, likes nights out/days in, looking for a mature curvy female for friendship, good times, hopefully something lasting. Box 452924

IN LOVE
Single 50s male looking for lady for loving friendship. I'm honest, sincere, genuine and love a laugh, hoping for lasting romance. Box 451188

LONG-TERM THING
I'm Ian, caring, romantic, loyal guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium build, fair hair and blue eyes, GSOH, WLTW a lady 25-50 slim/medium build. Hastings area Box 451334

MORE THAN WORDS
I like to travel, travel abroad; seeking likes socialising and good conversation. I'm looking for a caring lady aged 20-50 to get to know. Box 453050

ROMANCE! PASSION!
Honest male, 47, likes cinema, walks, holidays, restaurants, seeking romance, love, the woman of my dreams for relationship and more. Box 448263

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MUSIC LOVER
Not bad looking male, 51, 5ft11, medium build, very short grey hair, loves music, TV, the odd drink, socialising; WLTW friend first and then see. Box 451846

ME AND YOU
Laid-back guy, 51, tall, slim, own hair great SOH, honest, reliable, caring, enjoys scuba diving...seeking similar lady to find lasting companionship with. Box 448678

WALK THIS WAY
I'm Ashley, a widower. I enjoy the company, the outdoors. Looking for a honest woman to enjoy long romantic walk with. Box 452909

FIT THE BILL?
Old romantic, 55, non-smoker, likes watching football, driving, holidays and romance looking for a female 55+ who wants to have the good old days back! Box 452051

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Shia's transformed into Hollywood's hottest star

BY SHEREEN LOW

SHIA LaBeouf has gone from jobbing child actor to international superstar almost as quickly as a car can morph into a robot.

He's now one of the hottest young actors in Hollywood and is commanding the column inches to go with it. In the weeks leading up to the release of *Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen*, the stories have been rife.

"I'm living a meaningless life," shouted one magazine headline. Another claimed, "I saw my parents have sex", crediting his sense of humour to his parents' hippy, carefree lifestyle. He's been labelled an alcoholic and called "resentful" and "foul-mouthed".

Yet when I speak to him, sitting in a posh London hotel, the 23-year-old is keeping that side of him, if it exists, firmly hidden. In fact, his lips are almost as tightly buttoned as the shirt he's wearing.

Shia says he takes the attention in his stride and even reveals the details of one article that made him laugh out loud: "Reading that I found my mum very attractive. That was hysterical," he says with a smile.

Life has changed out of all proportion for the LA-born actor since the release of *Transformers*, the highest-grossing film of 2007.

Despite acting since he was 12, the leading role in the blockbuster catapulted Shia into one of Tinseltown's hottest – and most talked-about – young stars.

It won him awards and a starring role in *Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull*, sparking speculation that he'll take over from Harrison Ford once he's done with the franchise.

The attention is sure to get even more



RIISING STAR: Shia LaBeouf has been catapulted into the spotlight thanks to the *Transformers* films

intense with the *Transformers* sequel, in which he reprises his role as plucky teenager Sam Witwicky, who gets caught in the robot battle between the Autobots and their Decepticons enemies.

"It's been great," he says. "My trailer was bigger this time! It's flattering, it's the best kind of review to be asked to do it again."

He adds: "It doesn't feel as crazy [this time]."

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First time, it was figuring a lot of things out – we were flying by the seat of our pants.

"We didn't know what it would be like and this time we've battened down the hatches. We're just getting better at it."

He says: "These movies are adventurous to make, you know. It's not just an adventure to watch, but it's a real adventure to make."

It turned out to be quite a rough ride for Shia, who preferred to do a lot of his own stunts but suffered quite a few injuries during the making of the film.

"I broke my hand, I almost went blind, and sprained my knee. It was a rough shoot. The pace is the worst thing, just the non-stop shooting. But I feel good now."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

ALAN CARR CHATTY MAN
Channel 4, 10pm, Sunday
HOTEL BABYLON
BBC One, 9pm, Friday

IT'S hardly a new format, but I have to hand it to Alan Carr – his new Channel 4 chat show is a winner.

It's perfect end of weekend stuff, before you doze off to sleep with the Monday morning blues looming.

Three shows in and all have been rather good so far.

Interviews with Bruce Forsyth, Samuel L Jackson, Heather Graham and girl-kisser Katy Perry have all been a hoot and only the Ivana Trump chat has stalled, though that wasn't the host's fault.

Her broken English didn't quite gel with the wonky-toothed comic's camp down-to-earth humour and made for uncomfortable viewing as she attempted to smile her way through the show before collecting her appearance fee.

Carr has that self-deprecating persona that never really loses its appeal.

Nor is he afraid to risk offending the guests he sits opposite, which is also a good thing and makes for a more exciting crop of interviews.

For my money he is much funnier than Jonathan Ross, even if he is back on form post Manuelgate.

Whereas Ross can come over as somewhat self-obsessed, perhaps not the best attribute for a talk show host, Carr seems genuinely interested in what his guests have to say and is a very funny bloke, which always helps.

His stand-up show Tooth Fairy, still occasionally repeated on E4, is one of those stand-out moments that convince you there is more to someone's talent than prattling about with hairy bloke Justin Lee Collins and ripping the latest crop of Big Brother hopefuls.



CHATTY BOX: Alan Carr's new Channel 4 talk show proves just what a talent he really is

Ratings have been good and deservedly so. It would be great if this were given a slightly earlier time slot for more people to enjoy, but would likely suffer if that happened.

Some of the more risqué humour would have to be toned down and that essence of naughtiness would have to be binned.

BBC One has once again wheeled out Hotel Babylon, which seems amazing because it is just so ruddy awful.

When a prime-time show relies on such heady names as Nigel Harman, Chris Bisson and page three luvvies Lucy Pinder and Michelle Marsh to carry it, the alarms bells must surely start to ring. The storylines are often preposterous and the dialogue nothing short of painful.

This is billed as a drama, which is odd as the proceedings are in no way dramatic or interesting for that matter.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
BE realistic when it comes to family. Nobody is going to change overnight. This is especially true of a forgetful female. Don't trust them with important duties or expensive items. This will probably make more work for you, but it's better than setting everybody up for a disappointment.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
YOU'RE getting mixed signals from an authority figure. The best way to avoid trouble is to get their instructions in writing and be sure to date them or you'll have to defend yourself against unfair accusations. A sympathetic friend helps you decompress after work.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
A RELATIONSHIP is showing signs of strain. The object of your affection needs to be more consistent. Being trifled with brings out the worst in you. Happily, there are some other romantic prospects on the horizon, so if this union doesn't last, you'll quickly start another.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU'RE on an emotional rollercoaster, and it's not for the first time. Someone who is dear to your heart is driving you crazy with their behaviour. At first it was fun trying to make sense of their whims. Now, it's just exhausting. Maybe it's time to take a temporary break from each other.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOUR intuition is telling you there is something wrong with a relative or neighbour. You must be sure to press them if they keep insisting everything is fine. It's possible they're struggling with a serious problem. Offer to help with chores as a means to take some pressure off.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
BEWARE of falling under a guru's spell. Although their advice is seductive, it can pull you into a dark place. Be especially alert to any pleas for money. You have a better use for your hard-earned cash. A boss or authority figure may promise more than they can deliver.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
BE honest when it comes to your job. There may be a limited future with this position. Promises of raises and promotions that never come true are warning signs. Listen to a close friend's advice with regard to work prospects. Adopting some of their behaviour could benefit you.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
A COLLEAGUE could be saying one thing to your face and then gossiping behind your back. Be very careful what you tell them. It may be best to cut off all unnecessary contact. True, you have to work together, but that doesn't mean you need to be friendly.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
WORKING with a group will not be easy. You're better off retreating to somewhere quiet where you can focus. It's possible you will blurt out a friend's secret by accident. If this happens, be sure to tell them that you betrayed their confidence. It may take awhile to be forgiven, though.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
GO over bills with a fine-toothed comb as some erroneous charges could be made to your account. On the plus side, an impromptu trip allows you to travel to a glamorous locale. Be sure to take a smart evening outfit, as you never know who you're going to meet.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
SOMEONE may be playing fast and loose with your heart. Take this flirt's declarations with a huge dose of salt. If you have a family, be very vigilant about keeping your promises. If you have to make a choice between attending a work or family matter, pick the latter.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU may not be able to afford items that were previously within reach. Practising restraint will help you avoid debt. This may not seem important now, but it will make a difference to your future. The fewer bills, the easier it will be to make a bold move toward your happiness.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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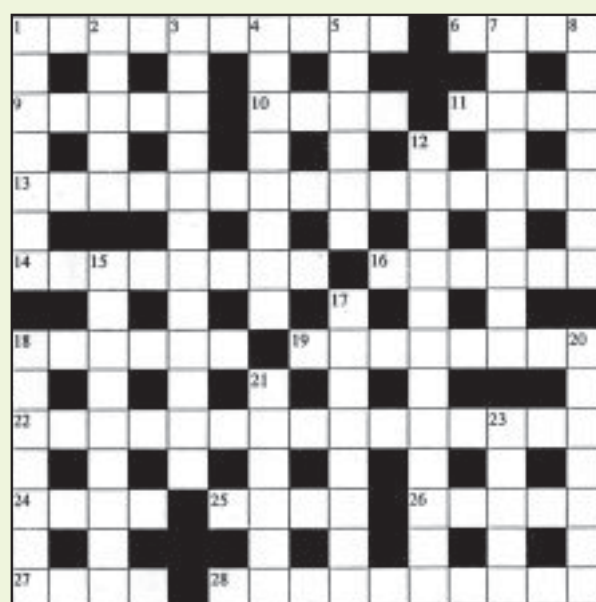
ACROSS

- 1 Ageist Nick stumbling whilst gliding swiftly (3-7)
- 6 Feet put back for a change (4)
- 9 Egg held by deputy speaker (5)
- 10 Promise a hot concoction (4)
- 11 Celebrity came from Costa Rica (4)
- 13 Comparatively easy to pick up (5,2,1,7)
- 14 Getting up late! (8)
- 16 I had nothing in frosty surroundings – that's stupidity (6)
- 18 Whitering part of fence (6)
- 19 That French demon bedevilling realm (8)
- 22 Getting a sense of achievement at work (3,12)
- 24 Get money from cows (4)
- 25 Second singleton self-satisfied (4)
- 26 Style inside station I could see (5)
- 27 So you initially had a bean (4)
- 28 Animal might have sheer physical strength (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Occupy fully when it is interminably complicated (7)
- 2 Monkey in game reserve some are watching closely (5)
- 3 One with impulse for taking new pale mink coat (12)
- 4 Number one rings three times (8)
- 5 Inform of tiny amendment (6)
- 7 Observe letters making up phrase (9)
- 8 Paint Ayr resort, left side first (7)
- 12 Pass scarf or tissue (12)
- 15 American rustic William found beneath mound (9)
- 17 Boisterous fun in bay at tea-party (8)
- 18 Nocturnal habits (7)
- 20 Can be held up by fellow with handcuff (7)
- 21 Frame last character I'm taking over sea in France (6)
- 23 In a sound part of target (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Rid of moisture (10)
- 6 Equitable (4)
- 9 Worse (anag.) (5)
- 10 Small shoot (4)
- 11 Peak (4)
- 13 American climbing-plant (8,7)
- 14 Unlawful (8)
- 16 Loosen (6)
- 18 Fitting (6)
- 19 Wife of Moses (OT) (8)
- 22 Imprisoned (5,4,3,3)
- 24 Mass of bread (4)
- 25 Thunder-god (4)
- 26 Neigh (anag.) (5)
- 27 Jerk (4)
- 28 Imaginary place (10)

DOWN

- 1 Disclaim (7)
- 2 Axeman (5)
- 3 Climbing-plant (7-5)
- 4 Debris (8)
- 5 Side of bacon (6)
- 7 Not liked (9)
- 8 Without duty (3-4)
- 12 Miser (5-7)
- 15 In the red (9)
- 17 Squabbled (8)
- 18 Blustery (7)
- 20 Yokel (7)
- 21 Call to attract attention (3-3)
- 23 Nairobi's country (5)

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Answers to all of this week's quizzes can be found on our website



Discover the wild west in Utah

■ BY MARGARET DAVIS

UTAH can be easily overlooked among the huge range of holiday destinations on offer in a country as vast as the United States.

Mention Salt Lake City to any Brit, and it will conjure up images of Mormons, weak beer and the 2002 Winter Olympics.

In fact, Utah has much more to offer than that, especially for holidaymakers wanting to escape the daily grind and shake off the cobwebs in a spectacular outdoor playground.

The western state is perhaps best known for skiing and winter sports, but remains a quite breathtaking rocky wilderness when there is no snow on the ground.

Yet even in the absence of snow, the area is a beautiful place to visit. In early October we were treated to the blazing reds and yellows of the autumn leaves – a perfect backdrop for pony trekking in the foothills nearby.

It was a fun way to see the countryside, and meant we could avoid crawling up the steep slopes ourselves. There could not have been a better remedy to soothe away the shop-soiled feeling of long-haul flights and jetlag.

This is the beginning of film-set style surroundings which leave visitors with a huge smile – and stopping every two minutes to take photos.

Dead Horse Point, half a mile from where the dramatic climax of *Thelma And Louise* was filmed, gives a jaw-dropping view, looking out over the Colorado River. Without the water, you could be forgiven for thinking you were on Mars.

But visitors do not just come to stand and stare. A wide range of outdoor activities are available throughout the year.

Moab, the small town where raft operator



EYE-CATCHING: The red, almost Martian, landscape of Utah leaves explorers stunned by their surroundings

Sheri Griffiths is based, attracts hordes of active types all through the summer and has a sprinkling of shops, bars and restaurants which cater for the crowds.

Once you've finished soaking up the atmosphere around Moab, a more relaxed river expedition awaits on the San Juan River, leaving from Bluff.

The archaeological trip will see your guide explain the spectacular geology of the surrounding area, with stops to see ancient paintings and ruins on the way.

However, both the boat trips come with a health warning: in the sun they would be fantastic (with all usual precautions in place),

but in autumnal rain it gets cold, so bring waterproofs and warm clothes to avoid grumpy faces.

The rafting in particular will get you completely, utterly and absolutely soaked, even through the splash suits provided.

Coming back to urban surroundings, Salt Lake City is a pleasant and nicely laid-out town, with chances for fine dining and a night out in a bar, as well as good shopping during the day.

So when you plan your next holiday, give Utah a chance – you'll come back fully refreshed and fired up with a new enthusiasm for the outdoors.

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Margaret was a guest of Utah Office of Tourism and she flew to Salt Lake City via Chicago with United Airlines.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Now agents claim four buyers for each house

THERE are four house-hunters for every property for sale, according to estate agents who have analysed recent property trends.

Demand for property is rising faster than supply, with the number of house-hunters registered with estate agents increasing from 265 in April to 299 in May. But the average branch has fallen to 69 properties for sale in May, from 76 in April.

Gary Smith, president of the National Association of Estate Agents said: "NAEA members are showing that there are buyers a-plenty out there.

"More often than not these are also potential sellers who are at the beginning of the process – so there is bound to be a lag which creates a shortage of properties in the short term.

"With mortgage interest rates at historically low levels and prices now far more realistic than in previous years, home ownership in the UK seems to be set to lead the way out of the recession."

Buyers are still able to negotiate a discount, however, with the average selling price 6.3 per cent below the actual asking price.

The survey also found the number of first time buyers increased to 43 per cent in May – a significant increase on last month's 23 per cent.

How energy suppliers overcharge the poor

ENERGY firms may be in potential breach of EU rules by overcharging thousands of the county's poorest households.

That's the warning from the National Housing Federation as energy regulator Ofgem has been accused of failing millions of hard up families across Britain.

Members of the Federation say it is "an absolute disgrace" that less well off people should be penalised by big business.

The statement comes after it emerged several energy firms were allowed to overcharge prepay meter customers by £464m over a three-year period.

While they are allowed to charge higher prices to prepay customers to cover meter installation and maintenance costs, those charges need to be "cost reflective" otherwise suppliers risk being in breach of EU directives.

Ofgem is to finish consulting on the new regulations it hopes will stop energy firms from charging prepay customers more for their gas and electricity than the figure justified by the extra cost to the supplier of providing a meter.



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LIMITED: Although there's been an increase in enquiries, there are warnings these are only coming from the equity-rich side of the market, with specific properties in mind

Why more enquiries does NOT mean higher prices

■ BY NICK AMES

AVERAGE prices of new homes on the market have fallen for the first time in five months, according to a leading property company.

Despite several surveys suggesting house prices were set to rise during May, new sellers are still hesitant and the average asking price fell by 0.4 per cent over the last month to £226,436.

Rightmove has identified trends in property prices which are reflected in the desirability of what is on offer.

Miles Shipside, the company's commercial director, said: "It's a mistake to confuse the upturn in enquiries and sales with a return to a more normal market.

"As the best deals on property and mortgages are only open to the equity-rich, the new stock that agents are looking to attract has to match what these purchasers want to buy and can afford.

"Perennially popular areas with good schooling are in, while flats in large blocks and terraces requiring major works are out, meaning new sellers are having to adjust prices accordingly."

Although there has been a ten per cent rise in new sellers over the last three months, there is still a shortage of houses coming on to the market.

Rightmove also said that a north-south

divide is beginning to grow in housing prices.

The number of new sellers in the southern regions of the UK are down by 45.3 per cent on the same period in 2008, while the rest of England and Wales has seen only a 40.1 per cent fall.

A combination of lenders' risk bias towards southern deposit-rich buyers and less fresh saleable stock would therefore suggest a speedier price recovery in the South, Rightmove added.

But although equity-rich buyers are snapping up properties, a large sector of the market is still being sidelined.

Mr Shipside said: "Property deals appear within the grasp of cash-strapped first-time buyers, but every rise in fixed rates frustratingly nudges them a bit further out of reach."

Almost a quarter of mortgage applications denied

NEW figures from the Bank of England have revealed around 15,800 mortgage applications were turned down in May.

The report in lending found there were 67,000 mortgage applications for home purchases in May, but 23.55 per cent were turned down. However, since the start of the year acceptance rates have risen from a low in January, when three out of ten applications were turned down.

The number of applications from people

wanting to buy is also up, although there is a lack of supply of good properties coming onto the market.

The number of mortgage applications for house purchase is up 45.6 per cent since December.

The Bank of England report confirmed data from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, that while there is interest from buyers there are also frequent cases of remortgaging

The bank put the fall in remortgage lending

down to borrowers being happy to fall onto low standard variable rate mortgages at the end of fixed deals and falling house prices eating away at homeowners' equity.

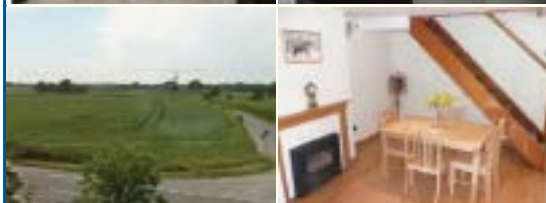
This means they are unable to qualify for more competitive mortgage deals requiring lower loan-to-value levels.

The report also notes a "significant tightening in availability" for credit cards along with weak personal loan lending as lenders see greater risks of defaults on loans.

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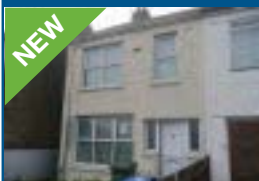
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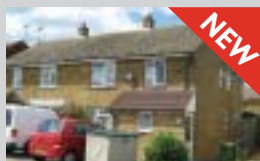


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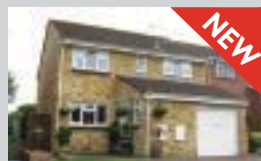


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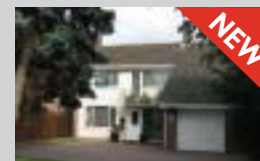


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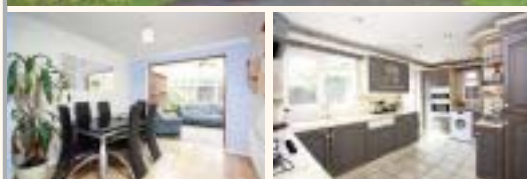


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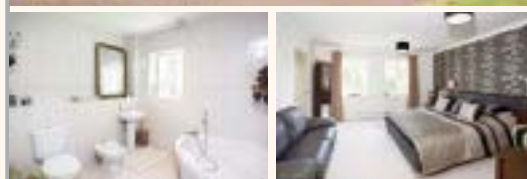
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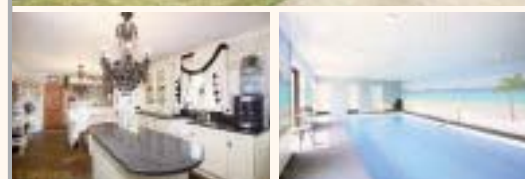
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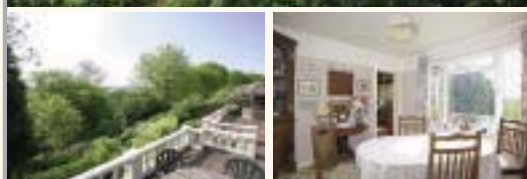
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 • NO CHAIN
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MOTORS NEWS



Greener plant grows greener Prius hybrid

TOYOTA launches an all-new, greener and more futuristic Prius on August 1 produced by a 'green' factory.

The petrol-electric hybrid is built in Japan at one of five Toyota global Eco-Factories designed to minimise environmental impact through energy saving, waste management and recycling.

Just as the new Prius (from £18,370) can use solar energy to cool its cabin when parked, half of the Tsutsumi plant's electricity comes from solar panels, while sunlight ducts boost interior lighting.



...and BMW launches greenest ever 3-Series

BMW has announced its most fuel-efficient and cleanest BMW 3-Series ever, attracting just £35/year road tax.

The new BMW 316d ES Saloon – on sale in September from £23,330 – features a 116bhp 1,995cc four-cylinder diesel offering 0-62mph of 10.9 seconds and an official 62.8mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of just 118g/km, helped by a six-speed manual gearbox and the green technologies of BMW's EfficientDynamics package including Stop-Start and energy recovery from braking.



Hyundai ships come in

AMBITIOUS Korean brand Hyundai will upset the motor industry establishment when June UK registration figures are announced.

It has embraced the Government-sponsored Scrappage scheme enthusiastically, promoting the i10 city car in particular – it sells from £4,995 through Scrappage.

Hyundai has sold 11,500 cars under the scheme and started a major operation in which four car ships will unload 5,100 cars in four weeks.

The first has just landed 1,100 i10s and this model is tipped to storm the UK top 10 seller list for June.



CHANGE OF TACT: Volkswagen is now putting its weight behind 'eco' petrol engines, using the twin forces of direct injection plus turbocharging which made diesel so popular

VW has change of heart with their 'eco' engines

HAVING done much to push diesel power, Volkswagen is now putting weight behind a return to petrol.

And it is using twin forces behind the diesel boom – direct injection of fuel plus turbocharging. The latter is nothing new, of course, but VW is now using it to boost small and relatively puny engines when needed, without harming overall fuel consumption and emissions.

It is also the perfect partner to VW's new generation direct injection technology, which will surely revolutionise the petrol engine in the same way that common rail direct injection transformed the diesel.

'DI' boosts compression, efficiency and pulling power, again without damaging the green credentials of the engine, while giving our VW Golf SE 1.4 TSI five-door (£16,520) test car all the sportiness most owners will ever desire.

With 120bhp on tap, it seemed to skip along and bowl around corners. The diesel equivalents output feels just as quick in the straight ahead, but the heavier engine shows up on the bends and undoubtedly wears tyres and front end bits more significantly.

This 'eco' petrol version can also average well

ROAD TEST VW GOLF

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

over 40mpg and requires just £125/year in road tax – not bad when it costs considerably less than equivalent diesels.

The latest Golf carries over the excellent chassis from the previous model, which has allowed VW to apportion more interior budget this time, shown in high quality, improved seating, excellent yet lightweight sound insulation and superb ergonomics. The cabin also has far more space, without a significant increase in size.

VW offers its new Adaptive Chassis Control (ACC) system too, allowing three modes for suspension, steering and throttle response.

It is an impressive piece of tech and 'Sport' mode combines with the lively engine to deliver a cut-price GTI to the hands on the wheel – the downside is that ACC adds £705 to the price of the car.

On the other hand, you can afford this luxury: versions of our pumped up petrol Golf cost a £1,000 less than diesel counterparts and are slightly faster and more nimble.

With some buyers never fully convinced by the pro-diesel argument, the arrival of modern and greener petrol alternatives could re-ignite the whole petrol v diesel argument.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting-edge technology and better build of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

STAR QUALITY

| | |
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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
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Hours: Full-time 37 hours per week / Part-time 10 hours per week - to include evening and occasional weekend working to suit the needs of the service

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For further information and an information pack, please contact Sandie Hornby our Chief Operations Officer on 01795 583440 or sandie.hornby@swalecarers.org.uk

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Health & Safety & Health Hygiene certificate essential.

Please apply including an up to date copy of your CV and contact details to:

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Closing date for applications **Friday 3rd July 2009.**

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Salary - £29,559-£36,630

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We are expanding our HR team to include professional, CIPD qualified HR Advisers, who will strengthen our provision of advice and guidance for managers and staff. We are looking to appoint experienced professionals who can support organisational change processes and have good knowledge of employment law, combined with strong generalist experience and knowledge in key areas of HR delivery. This will include employee relations, performance management, recruitment, workforce planning and organisational development.

Our strong customer service focus requires excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to engage with people at all levels of the organisation, working to drive, develop and implement new HR policies and initiatives that support the delivery of 'top quality' education and training.

For an application pack please contact Caroline Stark on 01634 884511 or e mail caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk

Closing date: Mid-day July 15th 2009

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Closing date: 20 July 2009

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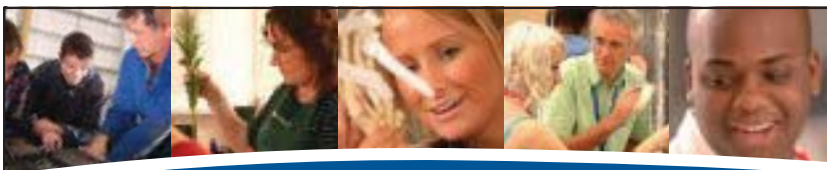
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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

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Lecturer in Biology Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
18.5 hours per week

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BTEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

Lecturer in Sport Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health Care Ref: P0650

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
18.5 hours per week

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Ref: P0651

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Departmental Administrator Ref: P0245

Salary: £12,795 - £16,059 per annum/pro rata
Full time – Medway Campus
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Applications Close: 10 July 2009
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Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Premier League 1st XI

Gore Court 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

CHRIS Piesley turned in an excellent all-round performance but Gore Court were denied a morale-boosting victory by the weather on Saturday.

Court were in good shape for only their second win of the season when rain intervened, forcing the game to a swift and unsatisfactory conclusion at the Grove.

Piesley first starred with the bat after the hosts won the toss. The all-rounder top scored with 77 as Court posted 231 for 5 from their 55 over allocation. He then had some success with his off-spin, taking 3 for 46 in Blackheath's reply.

Interruption

The game was evenly poised with the visitors 70 short of victory with five wickets remaining when the rain provided an unwelcome interruption with 19 overs still to bowl.

The result kept Court one place above the relegation zone ahead of Saturday's trip to defending champions Hartley, which marks the halfway point of the season.

Court's 2nd XI were also disrupted by the weather, although in their case it served as a blessing. After Blackheath had run up 281 for 5 – Adam Collins taking 3 for 71 – Court were in trouble on 21 for 3 when the game stopped after 13 overs.

The heavens open to save Heath from Piesley storm



IN FORM: Gore Court's Chris Piesley (batting) adds to his total in Saturday's frustrating rain-affected game against Blackheath

SCOREBOARD

Blackheath 2nd XI

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Jack Ford | ct Slater b Collins.....0 |
| Joe Ryan | ct Piesley b Collins.....10 |
| Christian Dean | ct Piesley b Glass.....105 |
| Seb Slater | ct Collins b Sharp.....37 |
| Hadleigh Luff | ct Truss b Collins.....44 |
| Jamal Patterson | not out.....16 |
| Dipayan Paul | not out.....50 |
| William Hickman | did not bat..... |
| Riv Monsell | did not bat..... |
| Shojib Ali | did not bat..... |
| Andy Watts | did not bat..... |

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|-----------------------------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Extras (6b 8lb 2w 3nb) | | | | | 19 |
| Total (5 wickets, 50 overs) | | | | | 281 |
| Bowlers | | | | | |
| | 0 | M | R | W | |
| Aaron Glass | 12 | 0 | 68 | 1 | |
| Adam Collins | 12 | 3 | 71 | 3 | |
| Dave Crompton | 7 | 1 | 27 | 0 | |
| Rob Slater | 6 | 0 | 26 | 0 | |
| Nigel Sharp | 7 | 2 | 35 | 1 | |
| Alex Edwards | 6 | 1 | 38 | 0 | |

Gore Court 2nd XI

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Matt Tombs | lbw b Watts.....3 |
| Matthew Jones Jr | b Monsell.....0 |
| Aaron Glass | ct Ford b Monsell.....7 |
| Scott Truss | not out.....9 |
| Rob Slater | not out.....2 |
| Alex Edwards | did not bat..... |
| Nigel Sharp | did not bat..... |
| Dave Crompton | did not bat..... |
| Adam Collins | did not bat..... |
| Paul Geary | did not bat..... |
| Chris Piesley | did not bat..... |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total (3 wickets, 13 overs) | 21 |

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| Bowlers | | | | |
| Riv Monsell | 7 | 2 | 13 | 2 |
| Andy Watts | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 |

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Minster 1st XI v Wickham Park 1st XI

MINSTER moved above Wickham Park and into third place with a two wicket victory in a low scoring game at Gilbert Hall.

Nathan Nichol (5 for 35) and Martin Hammond (4 for 17) made the most of bowler-friendly conditions as the visitors were skittled out for just 67 in 24 overs.

In reply Minster found batting almost as difficult. They were reduced to 9 for 3 but recovered just enough to secure a narrow victory.

Wickham Park

| | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Robert Spry | ct Duggan b Nichol.....1 |
| Gavin Malyon | lbw b Nichol.....1 |
| Clifford Hayward | ct Duggan b Hammond.....32 |
| Oliver Willis | ct Tucker b White.....1 |
| Toby Amos | ct O'Donoghue b Nichol.....4 |
| Iain Wilson | ct O'Donoghue b Nichol.....4 |
| Gary George | ct Hosken b Nichol.....13 |
| Andrew Bowles | lbw b Hammond.....0 |
| Mike Baker | ct Barker b Hammond.....0 |
| Martin Crowther | not out.....0 |
| Adam Teare | ct Duggan b Hammond.....0 |
| Extras | (1b 1lb 9w).....11 |
| Total | (all out, 24 overs).....67 |

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|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Nathan Nichol | 12 | 3 | 35 | 5 |
| James White | 7 | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| Martin Hammond | 5 | 2 | 17 | 4 |

Minster

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Mark Tucker | ct George b Wilson.....2 |
| George Duggan | ct Bowles b Crowther.....11 |
| Kevin Barker | ct Malyon b Crowther.....1 |
| Nathan Nichol | ct Amos b Wilson.....4 |
| Andy Hosken | b Wilson.....13 |
| Craig O'Donoghue | ct Baker b Crowther.....2 |
| Jordan Weller | not out.....10 |
| James White | b Crowther.....6 |
| Neil Hosken | b Crowther.....12 |
| Tariq Khan | not out.....1 |
| Martin Hammond | did not bat..... |
| Extras | (4b 2w).....6 |
| Total | (8 wickets, 21.5 overs).....68 |

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|-----------------|------|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Iain Wilson | 8 | 0 | 25 | 3 |
| Martin Crowther | 10.5 | 1 | 36 | 5 |
| Andrew Bowles | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch 1st XI v Gravesend 1st XI

UPCHURCH endured a frustrating game on Saturday as they outplayed Gravesend but failed to complete the game.

Skipper Dean Headley was a man on a mission after losing the toss, bludgeoning 174 from just 124 balls as Upchurch declared on 308 for 4.

Pedro Venus hit 86 for Gravesend but they never threatened the victory target. They were 143 for 6 when the game was ended prematurely by rain.

Upchurch

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Dean Headley | ct Venus b Bam.....174 |
| Andrew Shirley | b Allen.....5 |
| Lee Taylor | ct Church b Bam.....34 |
| Michael Hales jnr | ct Bam b Venus.....66 |
| Marc Bond | not out.....20 |
| Adam Hodder | did not bat..... |
| Michael Hales | did not bat..... |
| Daniel Parker | did not bat..... |
| Steve Parker | did not bat..... |
| Alan Collis | did not bat..... |
| Craig Bewick | did not bat..... |
| Extras | (2lb 5w 2nb).....9 |
| Total | (4 wickets dec, 48 overs).....308 |

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|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Jason Allen | 12 | 1 | 83 | 1 |
| Andrew Quinton | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Courteney Bam | 12 | 3 | 61 | 2 |
| Robbi Nash | 8 | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| Charley Nash | 3 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Pedro Venus | 7 | 0 | 54 | 1 |
| Jamie Maguire | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 |

Gravesend

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Pedro Venus | run out.....86 |
| Charley Nash | ct Hodder b Parker.....22 |
| Jon Jones | ct Taylor b Parker.....2 |
| Craig Maguire | lbw b Hodder.....1 |
| James Butler | ct Shirley b Hales jnr.....4 |
| Ashley Church | not out.....9 |
| Jamie Maguire | lbw b Taylor.....0 |
| Jason Allen | timed out.....0 |
| Courteney Bam | did not bat..... |
| Robbi Nash | did not bat..... |
| Andrew Quinton | did not bat..... |
| Extras | (3lb 4w 3nb).....10 |
| Total | (6 wickets, 41 overs).....143 |

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|-------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Daniel Parker | 10 | 0 | 33 | 2 |
| Craig Bewick | 7 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Adam Hodder | 13 | 3 | 50 | 1 |
| Michael Hales jnr | 6 | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| Lee Taylor | 5 | 2 | 16 | 1 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Sidcup 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

A CENTURY from Liam Foster was in vain for Rodmersham as bad weather forced their game with Sidcup to be ended prematurely.

Foster shared a first wicket stand of 134 with fellow opener Dave Cogger (37) and he went on to reach three figures. Several other batsmen chipped in to push the visitors past 250.

But any hopes of a victory to strengthen their promotion hopes were dashed by the weather, which only permitted 10 overs of Sidcup's reply.

Rodmersham

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Liam Foster | lbw b Robinson.....102 |
| Dave Cogger | ct Dawes b Robinson.....37 |
| Robert Horne | b Zaman.....14 |
| Sandeep Rodrigo | ct Zaman b Zaman.....15 |
| Lee Jackson | ct Zaman b Zaman.....4 |
| Sam Blackwell | run out.....12 |
| Sushant Karangutkar | ct Dark b Robinson.....21 |
| Nazoomi Azhar | ct Puckerin b Dawes.....0 |
| Darren Nokes | not out.....20 |
| Christopher Colman | run out.....9 |
| Jack Bayford | not out.....2 |
| Extras | (9b 4lb 2w 2nb).....17 |
| Total | (9 wickets, 50 overs).....253 |

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|---------------|----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Tim Dawes | 13 | 1 | 65 | 1 |
| Dan Dark | 4 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Faisal Zaman | 3 | 2 | 61 | 3 |
| Scott Noble | 15 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| Phil Robinson | 15 | 0 | 69 | 3 |

Sidcup

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Seetharam Krishnamurthy | run out.....18 |
| Mat Kilbey | b Azhar.....14 |
| Phil Robinson | not out.....0 |
| Norman Puckerin | not out.....9 |
| Peter Stevenson | did not bat.....6 |
| Nicholas Pike | did not bat..... |
| Tim Cook | did not bat..... |
| Scott Noble | did not bat..... |
| Tim Dawes | did not bat..... |
| Faisal Zaman | did not bat..... |
| Dan Dark | did not bat..... |
| Extras | (3b 1nb).....4 |
| Total | (2 wickets, 10.3 overs).....45 |

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|-----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Sandeep Rodrigo | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Nazoomi Azhar | 5 | 0 | 21 | 1 |
| Darren Nokes | 3.3 | 2 | 6 | 0 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Macknade 1st XI

MACKNADE skipper Lee Rigden's half-century was in vain as his side slipped to a five-wicket defeat against Betteshanger Colliery Welfare.

Rigden hit a quick-fire 51 which included two sixes to get the visitors off to a decent start. Andrew Machin chipped in with 40 but a lack of support saw Macknade all out for 173.

The total looked vulnerable and despite three wickets from Darryl Cook, Betteshanger ran out comfortable winners.

Macknade

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Phil Rowcroft | ct Cheesman b J Towe.....5 |
| Kaylem Short | ct Cheesman b C Towe.....25 |
| Lee Rigden | ct Fletcher b C Towe.....51 |
| Scott Davenport | ct Cheesman b C Towe.....2 |
| Andrew Machin | ct Cheesman b McNicholas.....40 |
| Chris Smith | lbw b J Towe.....2 |
| Steve Taylor | ct McNicholas b C Towe.....0 |
| Ian Juniper | b Collins.....17 |
| James Jarrett | ct Collins b Collins.....1 |
| Darren Nokes | b J Towe.....13 |
| Darryl Cook | not out.....0 |
| Extras | (3b 5lb 9w).....17 |
| Total | (all out, 47 overs).....173 |

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|--------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Andrew McNicholas | 11 | 3 | 33 | 0 |
| Jamie Towe | 13 | 3 | 53 | 3 |
| Clive Towe | 15 | 3 | 45 | 4 |
| Liam Collins | 4 | 1 | 14 | 2 |
| Michael McNicholas | 4.4 | 0 | 20 | 1 |

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Runs |
| Clive Towe | ct Taylor b Cook.....31 |
| Chris Carton | ct Rigden b Cook.....30 |
| Liam Collins | not out.....54 |
| Jamie Towe | lbw b Rigden.....4 |
| Martin Cheesman | ct Jarrett b Cook.....4 |
| Andrew McNicholas | b Rowcroft.....33 |
| Gareth Friend | not out.....6 |
| Michael McNicholas | did not bat..... |
| Darren Fletcher | did not bat..... |
| Derek Towe | did not bat..... |
| Martin Jones | did not bat..... |
| Extras | (6b 7lb 2w).....15 |
| Total | (5 wickets, 44 overs).....177 |

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|---------------|----|---|----|---|
| Bowlers | | | | |
| Kaylem Short | 7 | 2 | 21 | 0 |
| James Jarrett | 7 | 1 | 45 | 0 |
| Darryl Cook | 15 | 2 | 52 | 3 |
| Jamie Rigden | 14 | 2 | 47 | 1 |
| Phil Rowcroft | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Faversham boss putting fitness first

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



TASK MASTER: Faversham boss Justin Luchford wants his side to be fitter next season

FAVERSHAM Town's players were sweating in the sun on Saturday because manager Justin Luchford wants his side to be "the fittest team in the Kent League next season."

The Lilywhites were one of the earliest clubs in the county to begin pre-season training and Luchford himself took the session.

He said: "We worked the players hard and I am sure they would have been aching a bit afterwards."

"I want us to be the fittest team in the league next season because, at our level, you get so many goals scored in the last 20 minutes through players being physically and mentally tired, and that leads to a loss of concentration."

"I want to ensure that doesn't happen to us, and I will also be trying to make our pre-season sessions as varied as possible so the players don't get bored."

FOOTBALL

Although Luchford feels that his squad is virtually complete, he was disappointed that Croydon left-sided midfielder Ray Freeman didn't show up at Saturday's session.

He said: "That is one area that I might still have to address before the start of the season."

"I said to the players after Saturday's session that, although I have got a pretty good idea already of what my team is going to be, there might still be one or two places up for grabs."

Faversham's first friendly is away to Vandanel Kent County League side OPK FC, from Charlton, on Saturday, July 11. They then take on Sittingbourne on July 14 and Gillingham on July 16, both at Salters Lane.



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

BLOW: Tom Bradbrook (centre) could miss the whole of next season through cruciate ligament injury

Injury to force Bourne hitman out for season

SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott has suffered a big blow with the news that Tom Bradbrook must undergo a cruciate knee ligament operation which will almost certainly rule him out for the whole of next season.

The 22-year-old striker, who formed such a dangerous partnership up front for the Brickies last season with Richard Brady, missed the closing few games of the campaign after damaging his cruciate in a game against Walton Casuals.

The initial prognosis wasn't too bad, but when the problem failed to clear up, Bradbrook was advised to have a scan which revealed the full extent of the injury.

Difficult

Brickies secretary John Pitts said: "We are all gutted because Tom did so well for us last season, and it's going to be difficult for Gary [Abbott] to fill his boots."

Bradbrook joined Sittingbourne last summer from Dartford and he and Brady scored 33 goals between them as the Brickies just missed out on the Ryman One South play-offs, with Pitts adding: "Tom and Richard were both injured during the last five or six games of the season, and if they had both been fit I'm sure we would have made the play-offs."

Abbott's determination to go one better next season will not be helped by the fact that, with Maidstone United no longer ground sharing at Bourne Park, he will be operating on a reduced playing budget.

Abbott had been hoping that the club would gain some additional revenue through Norton Sports deciding to ground-share with the Brickies, but Norton chairman Colin Page confirmed they would definitely be continuing to play at Herne Bay's Winch's Field next season.



Picture: STERLING/ARDA DUCATI

BACK ON TRACK: Shane Byrne's season turnaround continued at Donington Park as he rocketed into the top ten of the rider standings with fifth and third place finishes

Revitalised Shakey into World series top ten

MOTORSPORT

BY TOM HOWARD

SHANE Byrne moved into the top ten in the World Superbike Championship with an impressive display at his home round at Donington Park.

After clinching his best performance of the season with a second and sixth place finish at Misano last time out, Byrne's impressive turn of form continued.

The 33-year-old went into the event confident after numerous victories around the Derbyshire circuit to draw on for experience.

Qualifying went well and Byrne produced his best session of the season to post the third fastest time and a vital place on the front row of the grid.

However, a poor start in the first race cost him any chance of recording a podium finish. He was left to battle with Leon Haslam for the majority of the race and crossed the finish line in fifth.

Accidents

The battle with Haslam continued in the second race and gave the home crowd plenty to cheer.

A number of accident's early on helped Byrne move into fourth place. He then piled on the pressure and passed the works Ducati rider Michel Fabrizio for third place and set his sights on Haslam.

While trying to pass Haslam, he ran wide

and allowed Fabrizio through with three laps remaining and eventually finished fourth.

He said: "In race one, I could've at least fought for the podium with Noriyuki Haga. Instead I encountered brake issues after three laps and so I couldn't be as effective under braking."

"In the third split, with two slow corners, I lost six to seven tenths. In race two, the problem was fixed and despite a bad start I managed to get back in the fight for the podium in the tenth lap."

"Unfortunately, this time it didn't go as I was hoping, but I still proved that I have what it takes to fight for the top spots."

Byrne, who moved into tenth spot in the standings on 113 points, will be hoping his stark rise in form will continue at the next round of the championship at Czech Republic's Brno circuit on July 26.

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